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MEMORANDUM FOR: Training Liaison Officers
SUBJECT: Overseas Training Programs

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The Office of Training announces existence at this time of the following programs for overseas assignments that have been developed to provide area and language training and experience. These programs have been developed primarily for Headquarters personnel. They are intended as training programs. Operational activities, and official association with Agency personnel, are strictly prohibited during the period of training. Personnel interested in these programs and desiring further information may call Chief, Programs Division [redacted], x. 8518) 25X1A9a. Applications may be submitted to the Director of Training, according to dates indicated in the description of each program. Opportunities for area training overseas are not limited to these programs. OTR is able and willing to develop other programs as requested.

PROGRAM A

This is a two-year, full-time language and area study program on the Near East. The curriculum consists of one year of intensive area and language study in the United States, and one year of continuing area and language study at a U.S. government school located in the Near East. Seven candidates will be selected to enter the program about 1 March 1953 and to remain in the program until about 1 March 1955. Basic qualifications are (a) a bachelor's degree and competence to perform graduate level studies, (b) an above-average aptitude in language, and (c) TOP SECRET clearance. In addition, it must be demonstrated that (a) the candidate is academically and personally qualified, and (b) the candidate's training will benefit the Agency, [in that it is related to his future assignment and that his unit expects to take advantage of his training in determining his assignment.] and

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(Extension of this program to other areas is contemplated but probably will not be implemented for another year). Applications should reach OTR by 1 February 1953.

PROGRAM B

This is a two-year, full-time program designed to give individuals an opportunity for area experience and language study in South Asia, the Middle East and Africa. It is intended primarily for grades GS 9-13. Three persons may be approved for assignment within the geographic area encompassed by this program. Applications should reach OTR by 15 January 1953 and persons should be available for assignment about 15 February 1953. (Extension of this program to most other areas of the world will occur during 1953.).

PROGRAM C

This is a two year, full-time study program to train specialists on the Soviet Union. An effective working knowledge of Russian language is essential. Applications should reach OTR by 15 March 1953 for assignment in September 1953.

PROGRAM D

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This is a two-year program to provide area experience [redacted]

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[redacted] It is available for all grades. Applications should be submitted by 15 January for earliest feasible assignment. One person will be selected for each country. Assignments for training purposes in other areas of South and Southeast Asia also can be arranged.

PROGRAM E

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This is the summer seminar [redacted] designed for analysts of grades GS-9-13. Following a brief orientation in the U.S., trainees spend six weeks [redacted]

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Approximately fifteen persons may be selected. Applications should reach OTR by 15 March 1953.

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